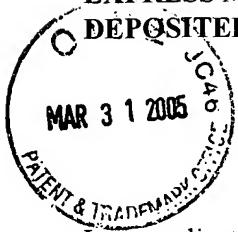


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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability mailed January 3, 2005.

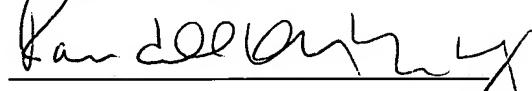
**REMARKS**

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges allowance of the case by the Examiner, but affirmatively denies any acquiescence to the Statement(s) of Reasons for Allowance. The Applicant respectfully submits that the allowed claims meet the requirements of patentability over the art of record, and it is on this basis that the patent grant is proper. The Applicant traverses any view that the patentability of the claims was required by any particular feature, or by all of the features, set forth in the allowed claims. Thus, the

statements and characterizations by the Examiner with regard to the reasons for allowance are expressly denied and will have no preclusive effect on the construction and scope of the claims.

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